

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: September 9, 2010

**SUBJECT: Proud Parenting Program
Redistributing Remaining Grant Funds**

AGENDA ITEM: 9

RESOURCE PERSON: Oscar E. Villegas

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

Summary: This agenda item requests Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board approval to reallocate unencumbered Proud Parenting Program funds to existing grantees. Additionally, this item seeks authorization to proportionately reduce grant contract amounts should the final State Budget Act appropriation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 be less than anticipated.

Background: On November 19, 2009, this Board took action to award \$833,351 in state grant funds to support ten Proud Parenting grant projects of approximately \$83,500 each. This action also included the intent to fund these grants for up to three years, provided funds are available and that grantees continue to show progress in subsequent years. On December 1, 2009, ten contracts were executed by CSA and program services began immediately. In May 2010, CSA Staff was notified that the Board of Directors for one of our grantees, Children of Incarcerated Parents, (Pasadena, CA) had voted to “cease operations” based on their “financial instability.” Depending upon the final budget appropriation for FY 2010-11, it is estimated that \$82,802 will be available this FY due to their termination of services. Historically, CSA’s practice during similar circumstances has been to redistribute unallocated funds among existing grantees.

Due to the possibility that the final appropriation in the State Budget may be less than anticipated, staff is also requesting approval to make commensurate adjustments to the grant contract amounts, as necessary. It is staff’s intent to expeditiously execute the grant agreements (contracts) immediately upon approval of the State Budget to avoid further direct service delays or even elimination of services.

Next Steps: Assuming the Proud Parenting Program receives funding for years two and three (FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12, respectively), and the CSA approves this recommendation, staff will redistribute unallocated Proud Parenting Program funds to the remaining grantees. Should the final budget contain less than the anticipated program funding amount of \$835,000, staff will work expeditiously to proportionately reduce grant amounts and execute grant agreements.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Staff is requesting Board approval to: 1) reallocate unencumbered Proud Parenting Program funds to current grantees, including the \$82,802 already forfeited by one agency; and 2) authorize CSA Staff to proportionately reduce the grant agreement amounts should the final budget appropriation be less than anticipated.